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## FACT SHEET

# Provision of Civil Aviation Advisors for Ministry of Civil Aviation and Transport (MoCAT)

### **OVERVIEW**

In 2004, the U.S. Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) proposed a phased program of assistance to Afghanistan to rebuild the national civil aviation capacity over a period of three to five years. The program was developed through discussions with the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Transport (MoCAT) as host country counterpart, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and other organizations. USAID entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the FAA to fund the first phase of the program, through a participating agency services agreement (PASA). In 2006, USAID entered into a second MOA with the FAA, this time providing a direct transfer of \$19 million for improvements to Kabul International Airport. USIAD also extended the completion date of the PASA to September 2010.

The FAA continues to build MoCAT's civil aviation oversight capacity, including introduction of safety standards meeting ICAO standards and training of air traffic controllers and radar technicians, in order to enable the transition of airspace control from the military to MoCAT.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- Reconstruct existing and/or installing new aviation infrastructure, such as radar systems
- Provide technical assistance to the MOTCA to develop new aviation laws and regulations
- Support the building of an internationally recognized safety oversight capacity.
- Build MoCAT capacity to operate and maintain aviation infrastructure, and regulate the industry
- Facilitate collaboration among all contributors to the aviation reconstruction effort, including MoCAT, the Embassy, and NATO/ISAF

#### **RESULTS**

- New Civil Aviation law drafted by MoCAT; currently going through the legislative process
- First FAA-trained Afghan air traffic controller class graduated in January 2008, and radar technicians graduated in November 2008, with arrangements for ICAO follow-up, on-the-job training and additional classes scheduled for August and December 2010.
- Installed a new radar system at the Kabul International Airport
- New draft Civil Aviation Master Plan developed, led by MoCAT, outlining the process of building Afghanistan's safety oversight capacity to meet international standards